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To: Mr. Fenn C. Mathew
USPO

Medfield: June 16 , 2004

Dear Mr. Mathew,

This letter is in response to our telephone conversation today.

I was hoping to get an up-date on our Patent Application number: 10/092,907

As discussed, I am resending a copy of my letter to you dated; December 6, 2004 in which I clearly stated that I had responded to your Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment 2 weeks earlier.

Apparently my response and cover letter were lost in the mail.

I am now resending my response, as well as the cover letter and will check on your web-site if all this is being received by your office.

I am looking forward to hearing from you,

Respectfully,
Joop F. Hoekstra

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joop F. Hoekstra".

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To : Mr. Fenn C. Mathew ,
USPO

Medfield December 6, 2004

Dear Mr. Mathew

Please replace the cover letter, attached to my response to the Non Compliant Amendment sent to you 2 weeks ago, with the revised cover letter attached. We changed the ASSIGNEE from FitnessLab LLC to Stretch FitnessLab LLC.

Previous communication with you already listed Stretch Fitnesslab LLC as the ASSIGNEE.

Respectfully,
Joop F. Hoekstra



APPLICATION NUMBER: 10/092,907
FILING DATE 03/06/02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR UTILITY PATENT

APPLICANTS: James H. Levine, a resident of Westford, MA
a US citizen; and

Joop F. Hoekstra, a resident of Medfield, MA
a US citizen.

INVENTION TITLE: VARIABLE RADIUS FLEXIBILITY APPARATUS

ASSIGNEE : Stretch FitnessLab LLC

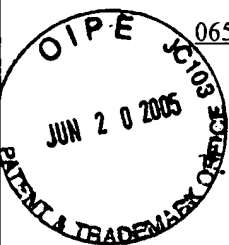
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TO: BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

Your applicants, named above, hereby petition for grant of a utility patent to them or any assignee(s) of record, at the time of issuance, for the invention under the application number, listed above.

The enclosed material is in direct response to your "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment", received by us on November 3, 2004.



CLAIMS

(canceled)

2. (currently amended) [[The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuation means comprises:]] A device for stretching the muscles and decompressing the spine of a user, comprising:

a flexible sheet, having two ends, for supporting the user;
actuation means for bending said flexible sheet, wherein said
actuation means comprises:

a motor, having a shaft;

at least one pulley connected to said shaft; and

at least one cable, having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is connected to said at least one pulley, and wherein said second end is connected to said at least one end of said flexible sheet and adapted to increase or decrease radius of said flexible sheet while being occupied by the user.

3. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising control means for causing said motor to increase or decrease radius of said flexible sheet.

4. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a limit switch connected to said motor to assure the arc of said flexible sheet is not retracted below or extended above a predetermined radius.

5. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said control means further comprises timer means for regulating the time said flexible sheet is bent.

6. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said control means further comprises an up button and a down button for regulating the time said flexible sheet is bent.

7. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, further comprising at least one pivotal support having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is pivotally connected to said flexible sheet, wherein said second end is pivotally connected to ~~[[said frame.]]~~ a support means that traverses in a substantially longitudinal direction to increase or decrease the radius of said flexible sheet.

8. (canceled)